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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The CAPER System

1. On 31 August 1967 the undersigned was afforded a briefing on the CAPER System by Messrs. [REDACTED] of SR&CD.

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2. The CAPER System is a punch card system which is applied to a computer to produce bi-monthly reports that are of interest to Personnel Security Division and concern the processing of overt cases.

3. The System is maintained in SR&CD in the form of standard IBM cards, all columns of which are used for accumulating the necessary data. It is constantly brought up to date by employees of SR&CD. It is not on computer tape.

4. Input elements include:

- (1) Subject's name
- (2) Security file number
- (3) Request date (i. e., from the Office of Personnel Form #377)
- (4) Category code (i. e., type of case according to OP code)
- (5) Case type (spelled out)
- (6) SR&CD date opened
- (7) PRS/PSD date opened
- (8) ID date opened
- (9) Appraisal Section date opened
- (10) Office of Security date closed
- (11) Type closing action
- (12) Type ID closing

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5. The case type description includes staff T/O employees, type A contract, type B contract, military assignees, consultants, as well as re-investigation and other non-personnel initiated cases.

6. From the operation, reports and listings are produced twice a month. Six statistical reports are prepared as follows:

- (1) Cases in process (with breakdown)
- (2) Status report on cases (divided into two groups:
 - a. personnel cases
 - b. other pending cases)
- (3) Cases closed during the month
- (4) Processing time factors of closed accountable cases
- (5) Analyses of processing time on closed accountable cases.
- (6) Miscellaneous statistics

7. The listings produced twice a month are as follows:

- a. Office of Personnel cases pending in Appraisal Section.
- b. Office of Personnel cases pending in ID.
- c. Deferred status cases (such cases are marked as closed, but another card is "put in" showing that the case is being reserved in a deferred status).
- d. Office of Personnel cases pending in PRS.
- e. Office of Personnel cases pending in SR&CD.
- f. Other cases pending in Appraisal.
- g. Other cases pending in ID.
- h. Other cases pending in PRS
- i. Other cases pending in SR&CD.
- j. Type 4 closings ("Type 4" significance not identified).
- k. All closed cases in month.
- l. Cases opened during the month.
- m. Cases opened in prior months.
- n. All pending cases.

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8. Mr. [REDACTED] pointed out that a new program for the System has just been prepared which took one man-year to write. This new program is the same as the previous one; it's only purpose is to allow the system to be applied to a different computer.

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